THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) Road works cleared in respect of Bihar under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for the year 2000-01 aim to provide road connectivity to 379 unconnected habitations and another 221 habitations stand to benefit through upgradation of existing rural roads.

(b) and (c) Project proposals for the year 2002-03 are yet to be obtained from the States, including Bihar.

Benefit of SGSY to people of Gujarat

1877. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch any plan of Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana;

(b) if so, the salient feature of the Plan;

(c) the funds allocated to the Government of Gujarat; and

(d) the manner in which the Yojana is likely to be beneficial to the people of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) The Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is already under implementation since 1.4.1999.

(b) The salient features of the Scheme are as under:

The SGSY is an integrated programme for Self-Employment of families below the poverty line (BPL) in rural areas.

It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme and the financing is shared between the Centre and the States in the ratio of 75:25.

The objective of the Programme is to bring the assisted poor families above the poverty line by organising them into Self Help Groups (SHGs) through the process of social mobilisation, their training and capacity building including skill upgradation and

providing them income generating assets through a mix of Bank Credit and Government Subsidy.

- ♦ The Emphasis under the SGSY, is on cluster approach, wherein, 4-5 dominant activities are identified as Key activities in each block based on the local resources, the aptitude as well as the skill of the people and the market potentiality.
- ♦ The Scheme lays emphasis on the group approach, although individual could also be economically assisted.
- ♦ Subsidy under the SGSY is uniform at 30% of the project cost, subject to a maximum of Rs. 7500. In respect of SC/ STs, however, these will be 50% and Rs. 10,000 respectively. For Groups of Swarozgaris (SHGs), the subsidy would be at 50% of the cost of the scheme, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 1.25 lakh. There will be no monetary limit on subsidy for irrigation projects.
- ♦ The Scheme provides safeguards for the SCs/STs and weaker section of the society. Under the Scheme, 50% of the total swarozgaris assisted will be SC/STs, 40% women and 3% disabled.
- ♦ Under the Scheme, 10% of the annual allocation is earmarked as SGSY-Revolving Fund, 10% as SGSY-Training Fund, 20% (25% in case of North-Eastem States) as SGSY-Infrastructure Fund.
- ♦ The Swarozgaris assisted under the Scheme are covered for life insurance under the Group Life Insurance Scheme for a period of five years from the date on which asset is disbursed or sixty years of age, whichever is earlier. A sum of Rs. 5,000 is payable by LIC to the nominee of deceased in case of natural death and Rs. 10,000 in case of death due to accident.

(c) The total Central Allocation for Gujarat under the SGSY. during the current year *i.e.* 2001-2002 is Rs. 1154.96 lakhs.

(d) The families identified as below poverty line (BPL) in the

State could be assisted under the Scheme for taking up Self Employment to improve their quality of life by way of increased income on sustainable basis.

Present status of JGSY in Gujarat

1878. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) in the State of Gujarat;

(b) how many BPL families of the rural areas of the State have so far been benefited under JGSY, district-wise;

(c) whether Government have reviewed the working of JGSY in the State; and

(d) if so, the shortcomings noticed and how these are being rectified by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) The Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) though has been merged with the new Scheme of the Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana (SGRY), w.e.f. 25-9-2001, but for the current year it will continue as a part of the SGRY. Physical and financial progress during the year under the SGRY (JGSY) for Gujarat is given at Annexure. [See Appendix 195, Annexure No. 25]

(b) The progress of the programme is monitored interms of infrastructure created and mandays generated, District-wise information regarding mandays generated under the SGRY (JGSY) in Gujarat during the current year is given at Statement (See below).

(c) The progress of the Scheme is monitored regularly through:

i. Vigilance and Monitoring Committees at the Block, District and State levels.